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Introduction

This National Annex has been prepared by BSI Subcommittee B/525/31, *Structural use of steel*. It is to be used in conjunction with BS EN 1993-1-8:2005.

NA.1 Scope

This National Annex gives:

- a) the decisions for the National Determined Parameters described in the following subclauses of BS EN 1993-1-8:2005:
 - 1.2.6(Group 6: Rivets)
 - 2.2(2)
 - 3.1.1(3)
 - 3.4.2(1)
 - 5.2.1(2)
 - 6.2.7.2(9)
- b) References to non-contradictory complementary information.

NA.2 Nationally Determined Parameters

NA.2.1 General

Decisions for the Nationally Determined Parameters described in BS EN 1993-1-8:2005 are given in clauses NA.2.2 to NA.2.7.

NA.2.2 Reference Standards, Group 6 Rivets [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 1.2.6(Group 6: Rivets)]

BS 4620:1970 should be used for the dimensions, head shapes, and materials for rivets. For S235 and S275 steel grades the design resistance should be limited to the yield resistance as there is no separate serviceability check.

NA.2.3 Partial safety factors, γ_M , for joints [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 2.2(2)]

The partial factors given in Table NA.1 should be used.

Table NA.1 Partial safety factors, γ_M , for joints

Resistance of members and cross-section	Partial factor	Value
Resistance of bolts	γ_{M2}	1.25
Resistance of rivets	γ_{M2}	1.25
Resistance of pins	γ_{M2}	1.25
Resistance of welds	γ_{M2}	1.25
Resistance of plates in bearing ^{A)}	γ_{M2}	1.25
Slip resistance:		
a) At ultimate limit state (Category C)	γ_{M3}	1.25
b) At serviceability limit state (Category B)	$\gamma_{M3,ser}$	1.10
Bearing resistance of an injection bolt	γ_{M4}	1.00
Resistance of joints in hollow section lattice girder	γ_{M5}	1.00
Resistance of pins at serviceability limit state	$\gamma_{M6,ser}$	1.00
Preload of high strength bolts		
• For bolts conforming to BS EN 14399-4 and BS EN 14399-8	γ_{M7}	1.10
• Others	γ_{M7}	1.00

^{A)} In certain circumstances deformation at serviceability might control and a $\gamma_{M2} = 1.50$ would be more appropriate. The option for deformation control applies where it is important to avoid deformation of the bolt holes (i.e. when $a_b = 1.0$. a_b is defined in Table 3.4 of BS EN 1993-1-8). Deformation control need only be applied to the component of the bolt force acting in the direction in which avoiding deformation is important.

NA.2.4 Type of bolt class [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 3.1.1(3)]

Bolts of classes 5.8 and 6.8 should be excluded. Bolt class 4.8 may be used provided they are manufactured in accordance with BS EN ISO 898-1 and suitable procedures to avoid hydrogen embrittlement are employed in the manufacturing process.

NA.2.5 Level of preload [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 3.4.2(1)]

If the preload is not explicitly used in the design calculations then no specific level of preload is required.

NA.2.6 Classification of joints [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 5.2.1(2)]

For buildings the following guidance may be used to classify joints.

Nominally pinned joints are described as "Simple Connections" in UK practice. Connections designed in accordance with the principles given in the publication "Joints in Steel Construction – Simple Connections" [1] may be classified as nominally pinned joints.

Ductile, partial strength joints are described as "Ductile Connections" in UK practice. They are used in plastically designed semi-continuous frames. Braced semi-continuous frames may be designed using the principles given in the publication "Semi-continuous design of braced frames" [2] with connections designed to the principles given in Section 2 of "Joints in Steel Construction – Moment Connections" [3]. Unbraced semi-continuous frames (known as wind moment frames) may be designed using the principles given in the publication "Wind-moment design of Low rise Frames" [4].

Until experience is gained with the numerical method of calculating rotational stiffness given in BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 6.3 and the classification by stiffness method given in BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 5.2.2, semi-continuous elastic design should only be used where either it is supported by test evidence according to BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 5.2.2.1(2) or where it is based on satisfactory performance in a similar situation.

Connections designed in accordance with the principles given in the publication "Joints in Steel Construction – Moment Connections" [3] may be classified on the basis of the guidance given in Section 2.5 of the same publication.

NA.2.7 Beam to column joints with end-plate connections [BS EN 1993-1-8:2005, 6.2.7.2(9)]

It is only necessary to apply Equation 6.26 when a full plastic distribution of effective design tension resistance cannot be assumed. A full plastic distribution can be assumed when either:

$$F_{tx,Rd} \leq 1.9F_{t,Rd}$$

or

$$t_p \leq \frac{d}{1.9} \sqrt{\frac{f_u}{f_{y,p}}}$$

or

$$t_{fc} \leq \frac{d}{1.9} \sqrt{\frac{f_u}{f_{y,fc}}}$$

Where

$F_{tx,Rd}$ is the effective design tension resistance of one of the previous bolt-rows x

$F_{t,Rd}$ is the design tension resistance of an individual bolt

t_p is the end plate thickness

t_{fc} is the column flange thickness

d is the diameter of the bolt

$f_{y,p}$ is the design strength of the end plate

$f_{y,fc}$ is the design strength of the column flange

f_u is the ultimate tensile strength of the bolt

Where the effective design tension resistance has to be reduced to satisfy equation 6.26 the surplus resistance may be redistributed to bolt rows nearer the centre of compression.

NA.3 References to non-contradictory complementary information

References cited in this National Annex to non-contradictory, complementary information can be found at www.steel-ncci.co.uk. Whilst this material is likely to be technically authoritative, not all of it has been reviewed by the UK national committee, and users should satisfy themselves of its fitness for their particular purpose. In particular, they should be aware that material indicated as not having been endorsed by the committee might contain elements that are in conflict with the Eurocode.

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